**Before the**

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

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| In the Matters ofMulti-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange CarriersFederal-State Joint Board on Universal ServiceAccess Charge Reform for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers Subject to Rate-of-Return RegulationHigh-Cost Universal Service SupportNational Cable & Telecommunications AssociationPetition for Rulemaking  | **)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)****)** | CC Docket No. 00-256CC Docket No. 96-45CC Docket No. 98-77WC Docket No. 05-337WC PRM09WC |

Order

**Adopted: August 20, 2014 Released: August 20, 2014**

By the Acting Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. In this Order, we dismiss a number of pending petitions as moot.[[1]](#footnote-2) In the *USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*, the Commission adopted many reforms addressing a wide range of high-cost universal service and access charge matters.[[2]](#footnote-3) As a result of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*, the issues raised in certain petitions pending at the time the *Order* was adopted are moot. In each case, the issues raised in the petition were addressed in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order and FNPRM*,or the relief requested is no longer relevant in light of the regulatory changes included in the *Order*. For these reasons, we dismiss the petitions.
2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-5 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-155 and 254, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.429 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 1.429, the petitions filed by petitioners listed in the Appendix ARE DISMISSED AS MOOT.
3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.102(b)(1) of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.102(b)(1), this Order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Carol E. Mattey

Acting Chief

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**APPENDIX**

**Petitions Dismissed**

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| **Petition** | **Docket Nos.** | **Date Filed** |
| Western Alliance Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 31, 2001 |
| Plains Rural Independent Companies Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 31, 2001 |
| Alliance of Independent Rural Telephone Companies Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 28, 2001 |
| National Telephone Cooperative Association Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 31, 2001 |
| Competitive Universal Service Coalition Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 31, 2001 |
| CenturyTel, Inc. Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 31, 2001 |
| Rural Consumer Choice Coalition Petition for Reconsideration | CC Docket Nos. 00-256, 96-45, 98-77, and 98-166 | December 31, 2001 |
| ACS of Fairbanks Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Other Relief Pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Communications Act | CC Docket No. 96-45 | July 24, 2002 |
| Western Wireless Petition to Reject Valor’s Self-Certification as a Rural Telephone Company in Oklahoma | CC Docket No. 96-45 | September 17. 2003 |
| National Cable & Telecommunications Association Petition for Rulemaking | WC PRM09WC | November 5, 2009 |
| Smith Bagley, Inc. Petition for Waiver | WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 | December 14, 2009 |
| Advantage Cellular Systems Request for Cost-Based Universal Service Support | WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 96-45 | March 27, 2009 |

1. *See* Appendix. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC 17663 (2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order* or *Order*), *pets. for review denied sub nom. In re FCC 11-161*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)